United States Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation Division Investigative Activity Report

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Hunters Point Shipyard San Francisco, CA, Area Office

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August 8, 2016 Interview of Juanita "Nina" Bacey
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SYNOPSIS

DETAILS

On August 8, 2016, Special Agent (SA) (EPACID) telephonically interviewed Juanita "Nina" Bacey of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). SA identified and explained the nature and the purpose of the interview to Bacey. Bacey provided the following information:

Bacey was asked what documents DTSC would have regarding the allegations of anomalous sampling at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS). Bacey said that DTSC would not have any site visit reports in regards to this incident. Bacey said that the incident was discovered in 2012. DTSC and the California Department of Public Health (DPH) were made aware of it. Based on the TetraTech report, and the fact that TetraTech had to resample the areas in question, and that the samplers in question were disciplined, neither DTSC nor DPH felt the need to do anything further.

Bacey identified her contact at CDPH as Gonzalo Perez of the Radiological Health Branch. Bacey said that she does not believe the Environmental Management Branch of CDPH was involved.

Bacey said that because U.S. EPA is the lead on the project, if there is enforcement to be done, it would fall to the U.S. EPA.

SA asked Bacey about her counterparts at other agencies. Bacey said that Tina Low is her counterpart at the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Bacey said that it is her understanding that the RWQCB did not do their own investigation, but rather is awaiting the results of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) investigation.

Bacey said that she sometimes does site visits to HPNS. There is no regular schedule for site visits. They can occur as frequently as weekly, and DTSC switches off with DPH. Bacey said that if she does a site visit, she may or may not generate a report of her observations. Bacey said that she would not normally observe sampling activities at HPNS. SA saked Bacey about the possibility that she had observed improper sampling at HPNS. Bacey said that she has only been assigned to the site for a year and a half. She does not believe anyone from DTSC would have observed the improper sampling, based on her understanding that the samplers made efforts to conceal their illegal sampling.

Bacey said that she would be the point of contact at DTSC in the event a more formal search of the records is needed.

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Bacey provided no additional information.

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